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## NEED WORKERS IF CITY GETS ROAD BENEFITS

Local Delegate to Good Roads  
Convention Says Strong  
Body Is Needed to  
Push Claims.

### KEEN RIVALRY, LIKELY

Inclination to Omit West Half  
of Old Trails From Pri-  
mary System of  
Improvements.

E. Sydney Stephens who attended the meeting of the Missouri Good Roads Federation in St. Louis Wednesday, emphasizes the need of a solidified organization in presenting the claims of Boone County and other counties on the western part of the Old Trails route to a place on the primary system of roads to be built under the \$60,000,000 road issue.

While the meeting in St. Louis resulted in the rejection of the Malaga plan so far as recommending it to the legislature is concerned, it nevertheless developed two important facts, Mr. Stephens said. "In the first place, it was brought out that there are many different routes in various parts of the state which are going to contend for the location of primary roads. These routes include not only those across the state from east to west, connecting St. Louis and Kansas City, Hannibal and St. Louis, but also routes running across the state from north to south on the eastern border, on the western border and through the central part of the state. All of these are going to ask for recognition as primary roads. In view of the fact that the amount of money available for primary roads is limited, rivalry between these various routes will be very keen.

"A second fact brought out at the meeting and one that is important to the people of Boone county is that there is a strong inclination to leave us out of consideration as a primary route. The only hope for the Old Trails route is to organize officially for the purpose of presenting our views to the legislature as to how the roads are to be designated and second for presenting our views to the legislature as to how the roads are to be designated and second for presenting our views to the legislature as to how the roads are to be designated.

The overwhelming majority of those present in a system of state highways in favor of placing this power of designation in the hands of a highway board, which along with a capable engineer would be able to study conditions in every part of the state; of finding out what sort of roads are best adapted to various conditions throughout the state and making detailed comparisons of the population, taxable wealth, volume of traffic and other matters that should enter into an impartial and equitable distribution of the \$60,000,000. It was the opinion of the majority of delegates that the amount of money that has already been expended in various road enterprises, and the amount the various local communities will be willing to spend in the future should be an important factor in determining the location of the roads.

Mr. Stephens especially emphasized the importance of all who are interested in the Old Trails route attending the meeting next Wednesday of the Missouri Old Trails Association to make plans for overcoming the opposition to this route for coping with rival routes and for presenting the facts and arguments concerning the Old Trails route to whatever body is authorized to designate the roads.

### MISSING MAN OWED MONEY

St. Louis Police Incline to Suicide Theory.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 31.—J. Oscar Boeck, secretary of the Guarantee Battery Company, who mysteriously disappeared Wednesday night, owed a local bank \$7,000, for which the bank holds in note, according to Andrew Kneisel, his father-in-law.

Kneisel also stated that Boeck had been morose the last few weeks and that he believed business matters worried him. Because of this information the police were inclined to believe that Boeck committed suicide. Friends, however, insist that he had either been kidnapped or murdered.

### RECRUITING OFFICER LEAVES

Will Rejoin Old Outfit at Camp Bragg, South Carolina.

Henry Dollins, first-class private, who has been connected with the local recruiting station for several weeks, has been transferred to Camp Bragg, South Carolina. Dollins goes to rejoin the Fifth Field Artillery, with which he has had previous service. Dollins served with the Nineteenth Field Artillery as a sergeant in France during the war. He will now be attached to the Fifth Field Artillery at Camp Bragg as a sergeant.

### Boggs Joins McBaine and Clark

James E. Boggs, Columbia attorney, will become a member of the McBaine, Clark and Rollins law firm in the latter building beginning tomorrow. Boggs is to hold a limited membership with the firm but will engage in a general practice.

## THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Unsettled tonight, probably rain. Saturday generally fair and somewhat colder; lowest temperature tonight above freezing; probably freezing Saturday night.

For Missouri: Unsettled weather tonight; probably rain in the east portion; colder west portion. Saturday generally fair and colder.

Shippers' forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature during the next 36 hours will be west 32; north 28; east 36; and south 32.

## WOLF SHOT AT CLAYVILLE

Tracked to Four Houses Monday—Stole Chickens.

A she-wolf measuring almost five feet from tip of nose to tip of tail was shot by Squire R. Case and Tom Martin Monday.

The wolf had been seen frequently by persons living near Clayville. She was in the habit of stealing chickens, and of running with the dogs of the neighborhood. After the snow Sunday night, Martin and Case trailed her with hounds, and finally jumped her about a mile west of Clayville. Martin crippled her and a moment later Case brought her down.

She was very bold at night, and was seen frequently near houses. The trail followed Monday led to four houses, which the wolf had visited the previous night. Many persons in the neighborhood had become much alarmed, and hesitated to go out after nightfall.

The state bounty of \$6 will not be collected because Case wishes to keep the skin, and would have to surrender the scalp to get the bounty.

Martin, who has been familiar with wolves while living in the West, said today that he could not be sure whether the animal was a purebred wolf, or had coyote blood, but that it was larger than a great many gray wolves.

## RELIEF WORK IS ORGANIZED

Clubs and Societies to Be Asked  
to "Adopt" Persons in  
Near East.

A meeting of those interested in Near East relief work was held in the Commercial Club rooms at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The Rev. James H. George, county chairman, presided. Plans were made for actively taking up the campaign and extending it throughout the county. Mrs. W. E. Dyart and Mrs. J. E. Wrench were appointed to take the matter up with the women's organizations in Columbia. Dr. J. B. Cole and Ben Baker were appointed to bring the work to the attention of the lodges. Prof. B. F. Hoffman was appointed to work with the fraternities and the Rev. W. M. Hauschalter to work with the societies and secure from them as much aid as possible.

Additional committees will be appointed in a few days to bring the matter before every other organization in Columbia.

Individuals are asked to support one person each in the Near East at \$5 a month for a year if they can afford to do so, but the principal effort is to be made to get organizations to adopt for a year as many persons as they feel they can support. This plan is adopted because it is felt that it would be useless to give a large amount one month to the people and then let them starve during the next month.

To support the 125 persons allotted to Boone County at \$60 each for the year will only require \$7,500, or \$625 per month. When this is distributed over the county it is not believed that anyone will consider the burden excessive.

Lack of transportation facilities, lack of good government, lack of banking facilities, ravages by the Turks and the Bolsheviks, and crop failure are the causes of the utter destitution of the people of Armenia, Asia Minor, Mesopotamia, and Palestine, which makes it necessary to appeal to the people of the United States for aid. Five dollars a month is the minimum amount on which a person can exist. Sixty dollars for each person will not prevent hunger in these countries but it will prevent absolute starvation and will enable the people to get along until their next harvest.

## WASHINGTON ACCEPTS NOV. 5

Will Play Missouri on Same Financial Basis as in Past.

Missouri probably will play Washington University at St. Louis next Nov. 5, as it is reported from St. Louis that Washington has agreed to the terms laid down by Missouri.

For the past few weeks the probability of a game next year between Missouri and Washington has been slight on account of differing opinions regarding the Fikens' guarantee when they played at Columbia.

The acceptance of the terms means that the two universities will continue on the same financial basis as in the past.

## Relief for Miners.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—President Wilson today signed the Henderson mining bill, granting relief to miners who have been unable to do the required amount of work on their claims during the last year.

## CARUSO MAY NEVER SING IN OPERA AGAIN

Illness, It Is Feared, May Still  
the "Golden Voice" of the  
World's Most Brilliant  
Tenor.

### IMPROVING, SAY DOCTORS

But It Is Now Practically Certain That Singer Will Not Appear This Season at Least.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Few was expressed here today that the "golden voice" of Enrico Caruso may never again be heard on the opera stage.

Despite the official report from his bedside that he was better, following a second operation in connection with his illness with pleurisy, it is feared by his friends that his present condition marks the beginning of the decline in the musical career of the most brilliant tenor the world has ever known.

It is practically certain now that Caruso can not appear again in this season of the Metropolitan grand opera.

No one but members of the family, the six attending physicians, and the nursing staff has been permitted to see the tenor since his illness became admittedly serious this week. Caruso himself, ever an optimist, has constantly shown the greatest cheerfulness despite the severe pain he has suffered.

## ATHLETICS FOR R. O. T. C.

Seven Kinds of Sport or Exercise Provided for Cadets.

The athletic department of the University will co-operate with the military department in giving the members of the R. O. T. C. unit instruction in physical education during the winter term. John F. Miller will be in the Library Building during registration to enroll these men in the courses in gymnasium work.

Classes will be open in seven different branches of physical education. There will be six sections for apparatus work, each section accommodating sixteen men. In track there will be four sections with twenty men to the section. Six sections each will be open in both boxing and handball, eight men being permitted in each section. Only two sections have been arranged for in wrestling, but twelve men will be allowed in each section. More men can be accommodated in calisthenics than in any other branch there being four sections of 100 men each open in this type of work. Basketball is the next largest branch, with six sections of forty men each.

## STUDENT VANGUARD EARLY

Some Thought Registration Began Yesterday Instead of Today.

For the last two or three days the vanguard of University students has been arriving in Columbia for the winter term. These students have been returning in increasing numbers, some to avoid the crowds which always pack the trains on the first day of registration, some to obtain work for the coming term, and some to make sure of securing desirable lodgings for the winter. Others came back early because of an impression that registration was to begin yesterday instead of today.

The incoming trains today all bore their quota of returning students. The railroads carried extra coaches to accommodate the crowd. There are always a few latecomers who do not return to school until after classes have started, but the great majority of the students will be back by the last of this week.

## CUT MERCHANTS' TAXES

Business Men Who Have Reduced Prices May Allow Thereof.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—An amendment to the tax regulations which Treasury officials believe will save business men millions of dollars was announced yesterday.

The amendment allows merchants and owners of stock in making out tax statements to take into consideration price drops during the past year which have affected the value of their holdings.

The amendment applies to inventories in which taxpayers will be able to list their goods at prevailing prices, which generally are lower than those of last year. Storekeepers who have reduced prices may list their goods at these reduced prices.

## PAY CITY TAXES TOMORROW

But Today Was Last Chance With County Payments.

The city collector announced today that his office would remain open tomorrow for the collection of taxes, the penalty for late payment of city taxes will not be assessed until next Monday. The county collector announced that his office would close at the regular hour tonight and would not open again until January 5.

## Presbyterian Church Services.

Sunday School will meet at 9:30 a. m. Preaching by the Rev. S. R. Braden, at 10:45 a. m. Evening services held at 7 p. m.

## COUNTRY CLUB GOING UP

Concrete Work on Foundation Is Finished.

The concrete work on the foundation of the Columbia Country Club is completed and work on the superstructure will begin at once, H. S. Bill, the architect, said today.

The east and west walls of the building were finished before Christmas and it will take about one good day to complete the north and west walls, said Frank B. Rollins, chairman of the building committee of the club.

The contract calls for the completion of the building by June 1. However, with good weather prevailing, it is expected that the clubhouse will be completed long before then.

The golf course is now completed. It cost the members of the club about \$5,000 to put it in shape. Six acres of ground have been bought at \$300 an acre. The estimated cost of building the clubhouse is \$21,500. The building is 96 feet long and 75 feet wide. It is built on the McAlister farm which is situated in the northeast corner of Columbia.

## CROP CONDITIONS IN U. S. GOOD

Cotton Being Left in Hog Cholera in Illinois.

The winter crop situation throughout the United States is generally good, according to a report which has been received from the U. S. Bureau of Census. Estimates by E. A. Logan, agricultural statistician for Missouri, and J. M. Mayes, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture.

Cornraising is nearly finished and quality and quantity are fully maintaining the high earlier promise. Disappointing yields and much soft and imperfect corn are reported in Illinois and some damage to corn in the shock from warm wet weather in Wisconsin.

Lack of moisture has retarded the growth of winter wheat in some states but the general condition of the crop is good. The acreage has been reduced in some places because of fear of frost damage or adverse weather conditions which interfered with the seeding. Oklahoma reports show the appearance of the seed and some fields are infected with fly but the fly damage is slight.

The condition of rice is fair. The yield of sweet potatoes is better than usual and the quality is good but a slow market is causing much storing by growers. Low demand and consequent low prices have caused the storing by growers of large quantities of Irish potatoes. The yield and quality of Irish potatoes is generally good.

The condition of live stock is generally good. Considerable feeding is being done in Nebraska and Texas due to low prices and ample supplies of food. High prices for milk and cream have caused increased interest in dairying in Arkansas. Hog cholera is reported in some parts of Illinois and Kansas. Most places report a surplus of hay, which is selling from \$8 to \$15 a ton. The new hay seedings are in good condition.

Low price of cotton and high wages of pickers are causing some cotton to be left in the fields in most of the producing states. A large part of the Texas crop is reported to be of low grade. The seeding of winter oats in the South is still in progress. The crop in general is doing very well.

## ANOTHER FILIPINO IN M. U.

Came Here From Alaska After Seeing Eskimos.

The arrival of Aurelio Lazarte, a Filipino student, will bring the number of Filipino students in the University to a total of 13. Lazarte has a brother in the School of Medicine who induced him to come to Columbia from Chicago.

Lazarte recently returned from Alaska where he spent four months of this year to see for himself the kind of people and learn of the rather mystic life of the natives which he used to read in the American textbooks in the insular schools. That he could not distinguish the Eskimos from the Indians in that barren spot of the globe is his most cherished experience. Lazarte is only 19 years of age and defied the hardships of the climate and the loneliness to be away from home that he might satisfy his curiosity.

## Brasletton Sole Owner of Store.

W. H. Brasletton of Brasletton & Company is now the sole owner of the Brasletton Shoe store. Mr. Brasletton, Charles E. Ross and M. Wright opened the store last September 4. The stock will be invoiced tonight and Mr. Brasletton will take full charge of the store, his ownership becoming effective tonight.

## Exports and Imports Drop.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Exports and imports decreased in November, 1920, compared with November, 1919, the Department of Commerce announced today. However, both exports and imports increased for the first eleven months of the year, compared with the same period last year.

## Boy Shoots Self in Foot.

Earl King shot himself through the right foot while hunting on the farm of Robert Clark Tuesday. The wound is not serious.

## BETTER ROADS AHEAD



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## BANDITS KILL 2 BUSINESS MEN

Robbers Escape With \$4,500  
Payroll After Shooting in  
Cold Blood.

By United Press.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 31.—W. C. Sly, president, and George Fanner, vice-president, of the W. W. Sly Manufacturing Co., were shot and killed by five automobile bandits on the street here at noon today. The bandits escaped with the company's payroll of \$4,500.

The bandits used two automobiles for the hold-up. As Sly and Fanner were driving toward the plant another machine bumped into them. When Sly and Fanner clambered from the wrecked car, another machine drove up. The occupants of the car demanded the names and addresses of the two officials, claiming they wanted information about the wreck. Witnesses told the police the bandits drew revolvers and without warning shot down Sly and Fanner, then they seized the money bag and sped away.

## J. R. HOWARD TO SPEAK HERE

National Farm Bureau President Accepts Invitation.

J. R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, has definitely accepted an invitation to speak here on January 20 during the annual meeting of the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation. He is expected to talk on credit relief for the farmers and the legislative program which he has been presenting during the past month to the agricultural committee and banking and currency committee of the Senate.

## BANK ROBBED IN TENNESSEE

\$50,000 in Liberty Bonds Stolen and Recovered—Man Killed.

SPRINGFIELD, TENN., Dec. 31.—After a singlehanded daylight robbery of the Peoples Bank here today, which netted \$50,000 in Liberty Bonds, a man, identified as Robert Austin, 32, was killed by Sheriff A. L. Lett in a gun duel. The bonds were recovered.

## Wright Admits His Guilt.

J. Wright, who was arrested on a charge of raising a check on a local restaurant man, has admitted his guilt. One Woods, who was implicated by Wright, was released. Wright's case will come up before the January term of the Circuit Court. Wright also admitted that he had raised another check at an earlier date, which he had passed on T. B. Crump, a local grocer.

## Former M. U. Professor Here.

Dr. John M. Burnam, a member of the faculty of the University of Cincinnati, formerly professor in the University of Missouri, arrived in Columbia yesterday afternoon to visit friends.

## No Missourian Tomorrow.

The Columbia Evening Missourian will not be issued tomorrow, New Year's Day. The next issue will be Monday afternoon, January 3.

## NO REASON TO SKIMP M. U.

Senator Harris Says University Should Get All It Needs.

"There is no reason why the University of Missouri should not be given as large an appropriation by the State Legislature as it needs," said State Senator Frank G. Harris.

## FORMER COLUMBIAN IS DEAD

Mrs. Eugenia Bradley Is Survived by Husband and Six Children.

Mrs. Eugenia Bradley, a former resident of Columbia, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ed. Hamilton, in Audrain, Mo., Dec. 28, 1896. She lived here for a number of years. When she was 20 years old she was married to Royal Bradley. Three years after their marriage they moved to Audrain and have lived there since. At the time of her death Mrs. Bradley was 54 years old.

## ST. LOUIS COAL CHEAPER

Reduction of 25 to 75 Cents a Ton Announced.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 31.—Three large coal companies today announced a reduction of from 25 to 75 cents per ton in the price of coal. The prices are effective January 1.

## COMMITTEE OF 15 MEETS

Session of Road Enthusiasts Held at Commercial Club.

The roads committee of fifteen appointed by Frank B. Rollins met at the Commercial Club rooms this afternoon.

## Cardinal Gibbons Unimproved.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 31.—The condition of Cardinal Gibbons was reported as unfavorable today. The prelate spent a very restless night and was rather weak.

## "A New Leaf" for 1921.

"A New Leaf" is the topic for discussion next Sunday morning at Dean Walter Williams' Bible Class of the Presbyterian Church. The class meets in the Broadway Odéon at 9:45 a. m.

## MEMORIAL FOR BOONE COUNTY IS ASSURED

County Court Gives \$300 Needed  
by War Mothers to  
Obtain \$1,000 More  
From State.

### WILL MAKE TOTAL \$2,100

More Money to Be Raised Later  
—Plans to Be Discussed  
at Meeting Monday.

The War Mothers organization completed the raising of \$1,000 for a memorial to the soldiers of Boone County this morning when the County Court gave \$300.

This, together with \$600 raised by the War Mothers and \$200 given by the City Council, made the total already raised \$1,100.

The money was immediately deposited with the county treasurer and the prosecuting attorney made out the certificate which was sent by J. A. Douglas, commander of the American Legion, to Jefferson City this morning. This was necessary to claim the \$1,000 of additional money allowed by the state to each county that raised this amount during the year.

It was necessary to send the certificate by special messenger to make sure that the matter would be taken up today, for the state appropriation for this purpose expires tonight.

Mrs. W. T. Stevenson has called a meeting of the local War Mothers to be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon in the Commercial Club rooms. At this meeting plans will be taken up regarding the form of memorial which will be erected to the memory of the fifty-four boys from Boone County who died in France. Vouchers will also be made out for membership in the national War Mothers organization.

The present plan is to raise sufficient money to build a memorial building which will be used by war organizations and returned soldiers.

Plans are also being made for organizing war mothers throughout the rest of the county.

## ONLY BABIES MAY BATH

Hot Water and Milk Are Luxuries in Vienna—Sickness Prevails.

By United Press.

New York, Dec. 31.—Only babies under a year old may have a bath in Vienna, according to a report received at the headquarters of the European Relief Council here. The cost of wood is so high that it prohibits use of hot water at home, so the babies are taken to one of the relief stations run by the European Relief Council and there obtain both hot baths and milk.

The Government-controlled price of milk is twenty-eight and fifty-four kreuzers a tin and with a reduced purchasing power of Austrian currency this price is so prohibitive that only the wealthy can afford to give babies condensed milk. No parents, no matter how great his influence, can obtain milk for his baby after it is two and a half years old—the age set by the Austrian Government for putting babies on a solid food diet.

Milk is so scarce in the Central Empire that only infants and babies in arms are allowed to have it. The food supplied is fifty per cent maize flour, which is so rotten when it reaches Austria that it causes an epidemic of stomach troubles and skin eruptions. Asylums, hospitals and feeding stations for the children are running under the auspices of the European Relief Council.

## DE VALERA BACK IN IRELAND

Irish "President" Makes Mysterious Return to Own Country.

By United Press.

New York, Dec. 31.—Famon de Valera, "President of the Irish Republic," has returned to Ireland, it was announced here today by his secretary, Harry Boland.

De Valera, who spent more than a year in the United States selling Sinn Féin bonds and making speeches in behalf of the Sinn Féin cause, has been missing for several weeks.

Boland refuses to say when and where de Valera returned. It is assumed he went as a member of the crew of a liner.

## NEW GOVERNMENT IN FIUME

D'Annunzio's Forces to Be Withdrawn Shortly.

By United Press.

Rome, Dec. 31.—A new government supplanting that of Gabriele d'Annunzio was organized in Fiume today. A council of three was placed in charge.

Legionnaires who comprise d'Annunzio's military forces will be withdrawn shortly. It was announced unofficially that the poet will leave the city at the same time.

## President of Deaf School Resigns.

J. S. Morrison, superintendent of the Missouri School for the Deaf at Fulton, has resigned. His resignation will take effect at the end of the institution's fiscal year, June 1, 1921. Mr. Morrison has been connected with the institution twenty years.